[English]

Eligibility Limit for Bonus

3388. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the eligibility limit for bonus from Rs. 2500 to Rs. 3500 and the quantum of bonus from Rs. 1600 to Rs. 2500; and

(b) if so, the time which a decision is likely to be taken and implemented; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, as the present limits were fixed only in 1985, when the Bonus Act 1965 was amended.

Provision of Drinking Water for Chhota Nagpur Area

3389. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate any special plan for the development of Chhota Nagpur of Bihar for providing drinking water to each village; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Rural Water Supply (RWS) is provided under State Sector Minimum Needs Programme. To supplement the efforts of the State Government, a Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) including National Drinking Water Mission is under operation. These schemes cover whole of the country including Chhota Nagpur region of Bihar. No special Plan has been proposed by the State Govt. for implementation in the Chhota Nagpur.

FCI Godowns in Tamil Nadu

3390. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of godowns of Food Corporation of India owned and hired in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of new godowns opened during 1990-91 in Tamil Nadu;

(c) the total storage capacity in that state;

(d) whether it is proposed to construct more godowns during the current year, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI):(a) Owned godowns: 22 (including two cover-and-plinth units).

Hired godowns: 9

(b) Nil.

(c) 6.67 lakh tonnes as on 30.9.91

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Production of Cement

3391. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of coment pro-